

ATTACHMENT - SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, lines 10-21 with the following amended paragraph:

The guide bushing 10 can be a conventional guide bushing such as is used, for example, in connection with a conventional punching press. The guide bushing 10 is inserted into the tool receiver of the punching press in an angle of rotation positioned in relation to its central longitudinal axis, which is for example determined by an exterior longitudinal groove in the guide bushing, and is fixed in this position. It is not important for the present invention how the upper end of the guide bushing is connected with the other components of the punching tool and whether an exchangeable stripper plate is attached to the lower end as represented by dotted lines S in Figure 1. In the exemplary embodiment shown, for the sake of simplicity the portion of the punching tool used as a stripper is shown as being of one piece with the guide bushing 10.